Initial Company Actions for Rope Rescue

CALL FOR A USAR RESPONSE

Primary Assessment						
Secure witness or reporting party (RP)						
Determine location of victim(s):						
Number of victim(s):	Condition of victim(s):					
Attempt to contact victim(s) YES / NO						
Secondary Assessment						
Identify hazards:						
Is victim unsupported (clinging to rock or structure without rope or fall arrest system)? YES / NO						
Based on victim survivability is this a			. RESCUE / RECOVERY			
Determine Terrain Type						
Non-Technical	Low Angle		gle		High Angle	
Less the 40 degree slope	40-60 degree slope			greater than 60 degree slope		
Slippery slope or hazards below victim may require Low Angle Setup Litter carries One rope belay possible Rescuers not tied to system Less risk Weight supported by rescuers	More riskWeight support and rope		•	 Two rope system required Tandem prusik belay Typically 1 rescuer tied to system Much greater risk Weight supported by rope 		
Initial Actions - Concurrent with Size-up						
Call proper/additional resources						
Establish exclusion zones - HOT / WARM / COLD						
Make general area safe						
Establish staging area						
Establish personnel accountability system						
Determine appropriate pers	Determine appropriate personal protective equipment					

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Establish fall protection for rescuers working at edge

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Field Operations Guideline

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Diagram of Incident:			
Time	Notes:		

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